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COIN SALES.

On the 30th., 31st October and 1st. November was sold, by Messrs. Bangs, Merwin & Co., Mr. Henry S. Adams' collection of coins; medals and Continental and Colonial paper money. 1351 lots of coins and medals. Following are the principal pieces, with prices realized:

Copper Medal representing the bombardment of Louisbourg; rev., Fame blowing her trumpet over a globe, on which is "Canada-America," and to which two figures are pointing; under the globes is a crushed figure, representing France; very fine; size 28. \$ 9 25

1794 Dollar; unusually good; has a damage on the planchet, but not interfering with the impression seriously. 80 00

1804 Dollar; from Cohen sale; impression is not so fine as of two that had been sold some years previous. 500 00

1851 Dollar; beautiful proof. 33 00

1853 " proof. 11 50

1855 " good, but with slight nicks. 6 50

1796 Half-dollar; better than usually offered; . . . 31 00

1797 " fair. 9 00

1815 " uncirculated. 6 00

1791 Washington; small Eagle; very fine. . . . 6 87

1792 G. Washington, President I.; copper; very good. 17 50

1792 Washington; obv., head to left, "Washington President"; rev., spread eagle with scroll "Unum E Pluribus," 13 stars over head; copper; better than often found. 33 00

Washington head to right, "Washington Born," etc.; Fame Medal; copper-bronzed; very excellent impression. 10 00

Bronzed Medal; battle scene; rev., "Germantown Oct., 4th., 1777" in wreath; fine; size 28. . . / 9 50

Copper Medal struck in commemoration of the treaty of Peace and Amity between Great Britain and France, 1814; very fine; size 28. . . 8 75

"Liberte Francaise;" a very beautiful medal struck in bell metal in 1792; fine; size 24. . . 7 50

1796 Quarter-dollar; little circulated. 15 00

1823 " better than usually offered. 55 00

1827 " proof. 83 50

1796 Dime; very beautiful impression. 7 50

1797 Half-dime; 15 stars; unusually fine. . . . 9 50

1800 " fine. 10 00

1802 " obverse better than usual; reverse poor. 70 00

1803 Half-dime; barely circulated. 8 50

1805 " finer than above. 11 00

1857 Beautiful proof set; 7 pieces. 19 00

1858 " " " 7 " 10 50

1872 " " " 10 " 6 00

1873 " " " 10 " old. 7 75

Lord Baltimore Shilling; head slightly rubbed; otherwise in good condition. 17 00

Lord Baltimore Six-pence; good mate to preceding. 18 00

Lord Baltimore Four-pence; fine impression for period. 25 00

Baltimore Town Piece; very fair. 8 00

1652 Pine Tree Shilling; small tree; very fine. 7 00

Rosa Americana Penny; crown; almost uncirculated. 6 25

1774 Virginia Shilling; fine. 110 00

1785 Immune Columbia; rev., "Nova Constellatio;" in very excellent condition. 40 00

1787 New York Cent; excellent. 20 00

1737 "Value me as you please"; very poor. . . 9 00

1787 Fugio; rev., "We are one" in very small words; surrounded by sun-rays, with 13 links with the names of states on them hardly perceptible; poor. 12 00

1796 British Settlement, Kentucky; beautiful bronze proof. 10 00

1836 Flying Eagle Dollar; proof. 6 25

1836 " " " "Gobrecht" in the field; splendid proof. 40 00

1838 Flying Eagle Dollar; beautiful proof. . . . 29 00

1838 Half-dollar; spread-eagle; fine proof. . . . 6 50

1839 Flying Eagle Dollar; beautiful proof. . . . 41 00

1793 Cent; wreath; very good. 17 00

1793 " " cracked die; head a little rubbed; reverse fine. 20 50

1793 Cent; chain; head rubbed; rev. very fine; . . 11 00

1793 " " "Ameri"; good. 9 00

1794 " uncirculated; singular variety. . . . 6 50

1795 " " thin planchet. 10 50

1795 " Jefferson head; rather poor. 32 00

1796 " cap; uncirculated and very fine. . . . 36 00

1797 " uncirculated. 6 00

1799 " very excellent impression; date very fine. 26 50

1800 Cent; very good. 15 50

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1804	"	perfect die; a most excellent impression,	27 00
1812	Cent;	very fine,	6 00
1821	"	better than preceding,	9 00
1823	"	over '22; very little circulated,	8 25
1843	"	proof,	9 50
1857	"	fine proof,	6 00
1793	Half-cent;	barely circulated,	11 25
1796	"	head rubbed; reverse weak,	76 00
1843	"	fine proof,	6 00
1860	Double-eagle;	uncirculated,	22 00

1796	small eagle; little circulated,	12	50
1797	" " " "	17	00
1797	large " good,	13	00
1799;	little circulated,	11	50
1800	" " " "	11	50
1801;	same condition as preceding,	11	60
1841;	uncirculated,	11	25
1842;	nearly uncirculated,	11	50
1847;	" " " "	11	25
1873;	beautiful proof,	11	50
1874;	" " " "	11	00
1795	Half-eagle; large eagle; very fine,	16	50
1798	" " " " good,	7	00
1806	" 5 stars facing; little circulated,	7	25
1815	" fine,	150	00
1823	" uncirculated,	6	00
1824	" " " "	8	50
1828	" " " "	10	50
1798	Quarter-eagle; barely circulated,	7	50
1821	" proof,	6	25
1829	" " " "	6	00
2849	Mormon Five Dollar Gold; fair,	6	50
1850	" " " " a variety, hav-		
	ing 9 stars on the reverse; fair,	7	00

collectors from various parts of the United States. To use the words of Mr. Strobbridge in the preface of his catalogue; the strength of this collection centered on the coins of Spain and the colonies of that country in the New World; but aside from this, the collection was so vast, and the coins offered of so excellent varieties, that the interest did not for a moment lag, and the bidding continued spirited to the very last lot." We did not receive a catalogue of this collection, and consequently cannot give our readers an extended report.

NUMISGRAPHICS, by E. J. Attinelli, No. 241 East 57th St., New York. 123 pages, royal 8 vo. Price, Two dollars. *On large, fine tinted paper, Ten dollars.*

Numisgraphics is a new word, but its author gives us its definitions: A list of catalogues, in which occur coins or medals which have been sold by auction in the United States; also, a list of catalogues or price-lists of coins, issued by dealers; also, a list of various publications of more or less interest to numismatologists, which have been published in the United States. The collection of numismatic book, pamphlets, auction-catalogues, periodicals and dealers' price-lists is attended with the same degree of pleasure and interest as that of collecting coins and medals themselves. No collector can become proficient in the knowledge of the inscriptions, devices, etc., of his coins without a guide-book; he is continually seeking information, and would often buy books if he knew where he could make purchases. Mr. Attinelli has succeeded in giving us a ready reference book—a reliable directory, containing reports of all sales in the United States; names of coin dealers who have published price-lists; and names of all coin books—authors, etc.,—and periodicals that have been published in the United States. We have in the first half of the book condensed reports of all the sales, commencing with the first, in 1828, (The catalogue of which is illustrated in photo-lithograph and inserted as a frontispiece to the book,) and ending with the last sale of 1875. An interesting feature of the work is the biographic sketches of most of our prominent numismatists, accompanying the reports of their respective sales. They all seem to have made "Cents" the prime feature of their incipient collections; and by this precedent beginners of to-day fight it out on that line. The limited number of copies that have been printed bear evidence to the fact that the author hardly expects to be compensated pecuniarily, but performs this apparent labor of love to supply a long felt want.

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THE COINAGE OF A NEW TRADE DOLLAR.

The *Economist* says: "The proposition is put forward in Germany for the coinage of a new trade dollar. (handelles-plaster.) The reasons for this are forcibly given by Prof. Soetbeer, of Hamburg. It seems that the silver which the government will have for sale in large quantities during the next two or three years is of great fineness—996-1000. Supposing that the silver which will have to be sold in the market exceeds fifteen million sterling, no better market can be found than the vast eastern countries which have already absorbed so much since the price of the metal began to sink. It will manifestly be of advantage to coin this silver, if it be coined, into pieces of the same degree of fineness. Moreover, a high degree of fineness is what is most prized among the Eastern mercantile communities. A coin of high value would be appreciated, and probably taken in preference to those of a lower standard of purity. But the experiment will have to be on a large scale; the new coins would require to be known and generally circulated in China and connected mercantile district. The degree of their popularity could not be ascertained by a small experiment. If the German Government are to do it, they must do it on a large scale. In any case the loss would not necessarily be large, and it would be not only the means of encouraging an Eastern demand for the silver which Germany has to spare, but it would be the most economical method by which the form of the old demonetized coins could be changed into one suitable for current use. The precise value of the new coin would be 40 20-49 to a kilogramme of fine silver, and the fineness would be 995-1000. The silver handed into the German mints for coinage in this new form would require to be at least 995-1000 fine. The mint charge would be only one-half per cent. The main difference between the proposed new coin and the American trade dollar would be that while new coin would contain the above proportion of fine silver, the trade dollar is only 900-1000 fine; and a further advantage to coin lies in the fact that the mint-charge is only one-half per cent., while that of the trade dollar is as much as one and a quarter. The scheme has plainly the merits of providing for a rapid and economical supply, in order to meet the main demand in the most direct manner conceivable. Marie-Theresa thalers have lately been coined in increasing amounts in Austria for this very purpose of export to the East, (principally Egypt.)

NUMISMA.

We are in receipt of Mr. Haseltine's new circulars advertising numismatic books; Confederate notes and bonds and a large and varied assortment of Continental and Colonial paper money. Mr. Haseltine is high authority on American paper moneys, and these descriptive circulars which he has lately issued are useful to all paper money collectors.

A varied assortment of gold, silver and copper coins and medals, together with a very interesting and valuable assortment of numismatic books were sold by auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., (successors to Bangs, Merwin & Co.) on the 18th and 19th inst. Catalogue by Mr. Cogan. 1006 lots; a few rare Colonials; but the book list was interesting; a very desirable library.

We have not seen the *Archæologist and Collector's News* for some time and are afraid their good names have gone to swell the list of defunct publications.

A man of see-date tendencies—the coin collector.

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We regret to learn that Mr. Edward Frossard has severed his connection with the *Coin Collector's Journal*. Under his editorial management the *Journal* has been popularized and has rendered great service to the numismatic community. Mr. Frossard is now located at Irvington, N. Y., and has not given up his vocation as a coin dealer; perhaps takes a more scientific than mercenary interest in the traffic, and likes to talk "coins" with brother numismatists. In his trade he enjoys all the advantages incident to a metropolitan location and can buy coins for country collectors at all the auctions.

Certain subscribers write us from time to time that they fail to receive their papers regularly. If this trouble is general we want to know it. Lately the papers have been issued in the latter part of the month, (a little later still this month,) but we expect soon to go back to the old order of issue. Other occupation has somewhat embarrassed publication affairs. Subscribers should have no hesitancy in informing us by postal card when, after a reasonable time, they fail to receive their papers. We are always careful in mailing and are quite sure the fault lies with the post-offices.

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